

Coalville Family of Schools includes 12 primaries, 1 special and 3 secondaries.

All Saints C of E  
Primary School

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Belvoirdale Community  
Primary School

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Broom Leys School

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Castle Rock High School

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Forest Way Special  
School

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Holy Cross  
Catholic Primary School

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Hugglescoae  
Community Primary

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King Edward VII  
Science and Sports  
College

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Newbridge High School

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New Swannington  
Primary School

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St Clares Catholic  
Primary School

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Swannington Primary  
School

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Thringstone Primary  
School

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Warren Hills Community  
Primary School

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Whitwick St John C of  
E Primary School



## Coalville Family of Schools Newsletter December 2016

# Merry Christmas

A very Happy Christmas to all the staff, pupils and parents in the Coalville Family of Schools and every good wish for 2017.

The headteachers from the fifteen schools that make up the 'Coalville Family of Schools' meet regularly and have a close working relationship. Their aim is to work together to produce the best outcomes for all the children in their care.

### **This is their promise:**

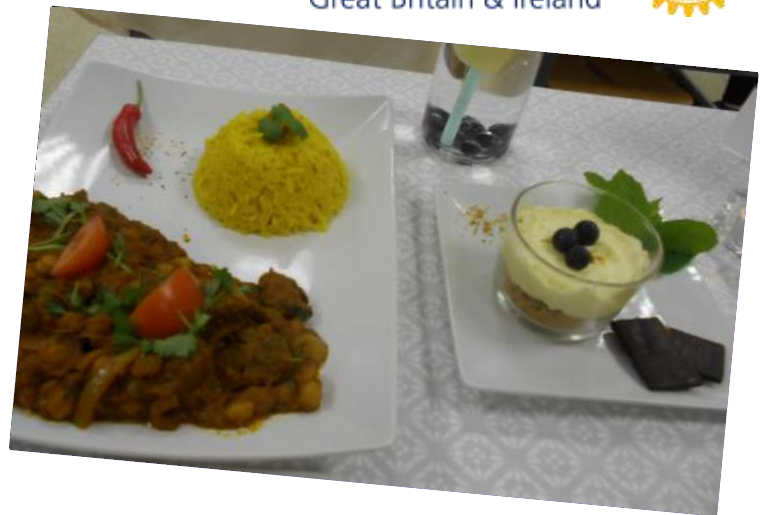
### **..... THE COALVILLE PROMISE .....**

An entitlement for ALL children to experience each of the following through their school life...

- Participation in collaborative curriculum events
- Participation in inter school sports through the support of the NWL School Sports Partnership
- An opportunity to celebrate diversity and have first hand experience of other cultures
- To take part in an arts programme across schools and phases
- To have access to out of curriculum hours provision across schools supported by leadership and volunteering opportunities
- To have access to the highest quality education possible

# ROTARY YOUNG CHEF COMPETITION

Rotary  
Great Britain & Ireland



When did the competition take place?

Wed 23rd November 4.30 - 6.00

**Newbridge**  
Aim High, Achieve More

Who took part?

One student from Loughborough College

Four students from Castle Rock

Three students from Newbridge:

Chloe Edmonds / Milli-Jayne Hynard / Baylee Orton

How did the Newbridge students get on?

2nd place (and 1<sup>st</sup> of the school based competitors) = Chloe (Yr9)

4<sup>th</sup> place = Milli-Jayne (Yr9) & Highly commended = Baylee (Yr9)

Fantastic standard- Look at those amazing menus and photos on the Chef display

What was the best thing about the competition?

A number of things:

The judges were particularly keen to point out the courage required to compete in this high pressure environment of timed and silent competition, full of demands and completely based on performance.

The judges recognised the resilience of all the competitors. Something always goes wrong yet students from all schools and colleges did not give up. They soldiered on and adapted, making sure that the meal still got served up

How much time students and their families put into practice and work on improvements.

On the night of the competition all the students looked terrific in their chef's whites (and Christmas hats) and the atmosphere was electric. So much tension and ability in one room!

Newbridge students did extremely well serving their meals beautifully.

Everyone should check out the photos on the display on the Pastoral corridor.

Mr Goacher and the judges were very impressed at the high standards and joint presidents of the Rotary club Ms Haines and Mr Mullins commended everyone on their efforts.

Who were the judges?

Ruth Andre Evans (Restauranteur, trainer and Rotary club member)

Tia Allen (Former winner of the National competition)

What did our students learn?

To keep going and carry on cooking whatever happens

That seasoning and tasting is REALLY important

Individual feedback was provided to all competitors by the judges

## Warren Hills Primary School



Andrew Bridgen the MP for North West Leicestershire came into the Explorers Class ( Y5) at Warren Hills to answer questions about his role. Mr Daren invited him and the class were delighted to host the MP. He has now invited the class down to London to visit the Houses of Parliament later this year!



Our School Ambassadors attended the Leicestershire Anti-bullying Conference at the King Power Stadium in November. We learnt lots about how we can tackle bullying and address prejudice in schools. We also were very excited to be photographed with Filbert Fox and the Premier League Trophy.

## Warren Hills Primary School

Y5 took part in the annual **Arts Festival** that was held at King Edward VII. We performed a scene from Georges Marvellous Medicine and all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Christmas has arrived at Warren Hills, we have been busy making decorations to hang on the tree, each class has their own theme. KS1 are busy rehearsing their play and the sound of carols can be heard throughout KS2 in preparation for their carol service at school and St David's Church. We are also enjoying playing host to Mary, Joseph and the Donkey (The Posada) from St David's. Take a look at the church website for photos of their journey which ends in Church on Christmas Day.

# ARTS FESTIVAL 2016

**This year's theme was ROALD DAHL to celebrate his 100th anniversary.**



The Coalville Family of Schools Arts Festival is an annual event for Year 5 primary pupils and students from Newbridge, Castle Rock and King Edward VII.

The pupils have professional input from dance and drama specialists and INSET is provided for teachers.

The schools are divided into two groups and pupils then perform on the stage at the Harley Theatre at King Edward VII over 2 weeks.



**Broom Leys  
Primary School**



## **Schools performed extracts from:**

Danny Champion of the World  
James and the Giant Peach  
The Twits  
George's Marvellous Medicine  
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory  
Matilda  
Revolting Rhymes  
and The Witches.

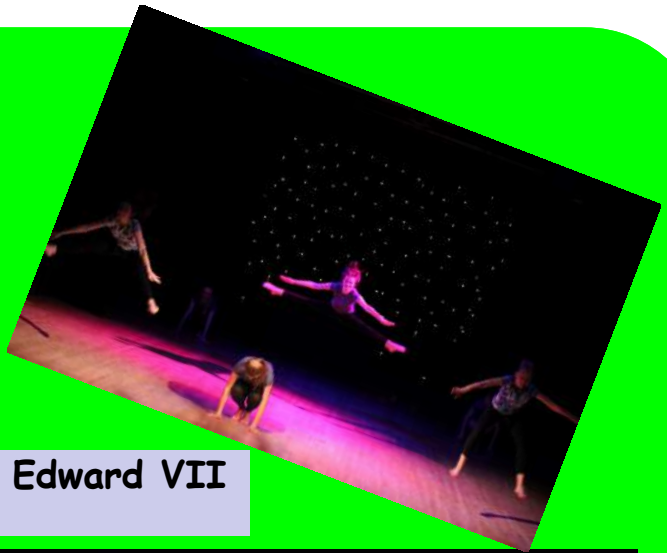
## **Finale**



Special thanks to Jenny Byrne and staff for hosting the performance at King Edward VII Science & Sport College. Thanks also to the Technical Support Team & Backstage Team & all Head Teachers, teachers and pupils for making this years Arts Festival such a success.



**Swannington  
Primary School**



**King Edward VII**



## **Belvoirdale Primary School**

### **Shakespeare Schools Festival**

#### **HAMLET**

Belvoirdale Year 5 pupils took part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival .

They performed Hamlet at Leicester Curve Studio Theatre and then at the Century Theatre in Coalville.



# Broom Leys Primary School



## Kindle Fires

With the opening of their new distribution centre, Amazon has donated 25 Kindle Fires to Broom Leys School. Nathan Fetherston, the General Manager of the distribution centre, came to one of the school's assemblies to make the presentation. The Kindles have been donated to the school as part of Amazon's Kindle Reading Fund which provides e-readers and Fire tablets to schools as part of their

contribution to the communities where their customers and employees live and work.

During the assembly Mr. Fetherston also announced that the school will receive a £2,000 Amazon Gift Voucher to buy books for the Kindles. What a great surprise!



Broom Leys hosted the first of the North West Leicestershire Schools' Cross Country races in November. 479 children from 24 schools across the area took part in races from Foundation Stage to Year 6. Bacon butties and hot drinks on a cold but sunny morning contributed to a wonderful, friendly atmosphere.



Forest Schools has been introduced at Broom Leys, along with many other schools in Coalville. It has been wonderful to see children's confidence develop and to see the enjoyment on their faces, outdoor in all weathers!



The Broom Leys Sports hall Athletics Team represented North West Leicestershire in the School Games Level 3 competition at Loughborough University. What an opportunity for our children who find such enjoyment in sport to see the facilities available at the university! The team performed really well, facing teams from all 10 districts of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, bringing home silver medals. They missed out on the gold by just 8 points!

Seventy children in Year 6 have enjoyed a week's residential visit to Boreatton Park in Shropshire at the end of October, taking part in a range of activities such as kayaking, abseiling, high ropes and Jacob's ladder. Another seventy children, from Year 4, then attended a three-day residential visit to Beaumanor Hall. Both visits were a great success, with children conquering fears and trying things which they had never done before!



# Forest School Days



Dough Making



Garland Making

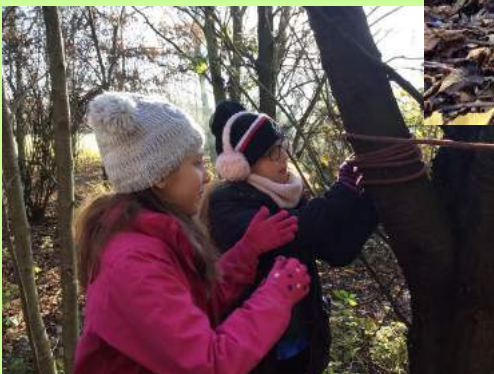
Kelly Kettles—  
hot chocolate!



Shelter Building



Cooking  
marshmallows



Year 5 pupils met at All Saints Primary School on 29th November and Year 6 and Year 7 pupils met at Forest Way Special School on 30th November. Thanks to all involved.

## Personal Challenge Projects

Once again our Y7 Personal Challenge Projects have been greeted with great enthusiasm by our new Y7s. With attendance the highest it's ever been, our students have made the most of the fantastic range of projects on offer.

This year we have extended the range of options to include: NatWest Money Sense; Stop Motion Animation; Science CREST Award; **3M** Making a Medicine and Couch Potato to 5K.

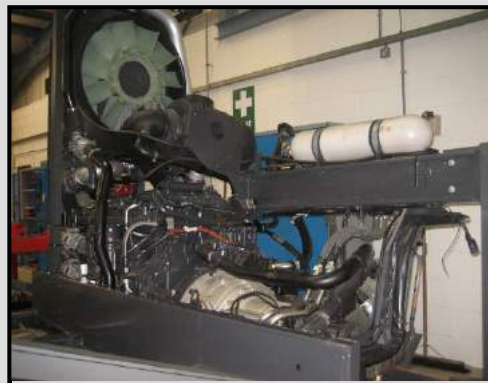
In total there are a staggering 35 choices, of which every student enjoys six of their chosen projects during the academic year. There's something for everyone from Baking and Beauty to Car Maintenance and Football, with many of the groups lead by professionals from the relative industry.

Our mechanics visited the Scania garage to see how things are done on a huge scale.

At the end of each project the students invite parents and guardians to an exhibition, giving them the chance to let them view their finished masterpieces.



STUDENTS LEARN FROM THE PROFESSIONALS



ONE OF THE MANY SCANIA ENGINES THE STUDENTS STUDIED



MECHANICS GOES SUPER-SIZED!

## RIBI YOUNG CHEF COMPETITION



Creative Arts Department are so proud of our four budding chefs who took part in their first cooking competition on 23rd November.

The **Rotary Young Chef Competition** was held at Newbridge High school. Four of our Y9 boys were set the challenge to design a two course meal for two people costing just £10.

They had to consider healthy eating, follow hygiene regulations and even theme their menu and show this theme with a fully dressed table that emulated this.

Students from Newbridge High School, Ashby Grammar School and Loughborough College all took part. Jack Merriman achieved third place with his 'Country Garden' theme that included chocolate window boxes filled with a white chocolate crème fraiche, raspberries and homemade piped lace flower pancakes.

All four students demonstrated excellent kitchen skills, determination and perseverance in what was an intense competition. The boys prepared for this giving up all lunch breaks for three weeks in order to practise their skills and refine their recipes. Well done on such dedication. We are very proud of you all.



# CASTLE ROCK

## STUDENT COUNCIL ORGANISE FUN-FILLED CHARITY DAY

On Friday 18th November Castle Rock ditched the blazers and ties and donned the brightest shirts we could find, all in aid of Children in Need and celebration of Mr Boulton. There were cakes on sale at break and lunch; an *Open Mic* session in the main hall; an Arts Competition and a Silly Sports Competition in the afternoon.

The Arts Competition pitched Mentor Groups against each other in the challenge to design and decorate bike parts. The winning designs will become a bicycle art sculpture in remembrance of Mr Boulton.

There was much laughter in the Sports Hall as Mentor Groups battled against each other to win the 'silly' races, such as Pass the Hoop - without losing contact with your team and Obstacle Relay.



The entire event was organised by our Student Council. They collected money, sold cakes, advertised the event and were on hand all day to ensure everything ran like clockwork.

Every Mentor Group is asked for nominations for a **Team Captain** and **Vice Captain**. The nominees then perform a short presentation in the Team Assembly.

A **democratic** vote is held to decide the successful nominee.

Within each Team, one male Team Captain and Vice Captain and one female Team Captain and Vice Captain are voted to represent the students in their Team.

The **Student Voice** is heard and represented by our 16 Team/Vice Captains



In September 2014 we launched our Music Maestros programme because we know that learning a musical instrument can impact all areas of the curriculum. We feel that learning to play an instrument shouldn't only be something that the privileged can be involved in.

Research shows that learning to play an instrument helps with perceptual language, literacy skills, intellectual development, general attainment in creativity, and personal, social and physical development. It also enhances wellbeing.

The project runs every Monday evening after school and offers all of our Y8 and Y9 students the opportunity to learn a musical instrument with free professional tuition. Each student is provided with their own instrument which they take home and own for the course of the project, with a large range of instruments available to learn: Trumpet, Euphonium, Trombone, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Guitar, Bass guitar, Violin, Viola, Cello or Percussion. We also invite Parents and Grandparents to come and join the students in learning an instrument and are delighted that several have taken up this offer and play alongside the students in all public performances.

Music Maestros were invited to perform at De Montfort Hall as part of the summer concert series in both 2015 and 2016; an amazing experience that will stay in the memories of all involved for many years to come. We were also invited to be part of 'Inspire Music' – a funded initiative that helps to improve musical learning opportunities for children and young people. In addition to this, our Music Maestros have worked alongside the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra as part of their 'BBC Ten Pieces Coaching Scheme' and were also shortlisted in the 'Music Teacher Awards' for 'Best Musical Initiative 2016.'

We are now enjoying seeing (and hearing!) our new Y8 students take up the challenge, with 160 students enrolling on the project. Our fantastic Y9 musicians are also being offered the opportunity to work with a conductor as they develop their skills as an orchestra. We look forward to seeing them progress even further!

# Hugglescote Community Primary School

## Sports News

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November our Yr 5/6 football team played Thringstone in the Kirby Shield. Thringstone started well and scored within the first minute, no Hugglescote player actually touching the ball. After this shock we woke up and played some fantastic football winning the fixture 10-1. Well done to all those involved, Mr Griffiths and Mr King for their coaching and our supporters.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November was the final Prestwold Cross Country meet of the year. Our children all performed extremely well in tricky conditions. A special mention to Noah B (Yr6) who during his time in KS 2 has attended nearly all of the races at Prestwold (three a year) representing the school. Thank you to all of the children for their efforts and the parents/carers for their support. Thanks also to Mrs Heward for her continued support.

## Remembrance Day

Every child at Hugglescote Primary School made a poppy to go on our railings. Thank you to everyone who bought poppies and other items to support the Royal British Legion. We will remember them.



## School Games Silver Award

After a terrific year of sport in 2015/16, the school has retained the School Games Silver Award. This is recognition of the quality PE and sport provision in our school. It was a year of high achievement in many areas. Some particular highlights included: One of the Year 6 teams almost winning the Tag Rugby tournament; the girls' football team winning their tournament; the badminton team winning their tournament; the boys' football team winning the Rose Bowl; and some outstanding performances at the Area Athletics and cross country. However, what was most pleasing to me was that Hugglescote, along with the whole of NW Leicestershire, was awarded the Spirit of the Games Award in recognition of their outstanding sportsmanship.

## 8RW's Woodland Party

To end their topic on 'The Enchanted Woodland', 8RW attended Robbie Rabbit's woodland party. They wrote invitations to their favourite toy, followed a set of clues to the party's secret location and played games with Robbie and his woodland friends. A good time was had by all!



# Hugglescote Community Primary

## Children in Need

We raised £670 for Children in Need!!

Thank you to everyone who donated.



## E-ON 'Play in a day' workshop

On Friday 6th October, a group of children from Key stage 2 were fortunate enough to take part in an exciting workshop provided by the energy company E-ON. As well as learning about the ways electricity is made, the children rehearsed and performed an amusing play about saving energy around the home.

Thank you to Miss Bloomfield for organising this fantastic opportunity.



**Hugglescote Primary @HugglescoteCPS - Dec 1**

Y5 children had a great Forest School day with children from the family of schools. Activities included bread making and den building.



## Harvest Festival 2016

Thank you to everyone for all of the kind donations towards our Harvest Foodbank appeal. Once again we have been overwhelmed by the amount of support and items we have received. All of the items have now been donated to the Marlene Reid Centre foodbank and will be made into food parcels to be given to individuals and families who, for whatever reason, find themselves unable to provide food for themselves or their family.

Thank you to Year 3 for performing their wonderful show at the church as part of the Harvest Festival celebrations.

